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NOTICE OF PREPARATION ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED DYE ROAD EXTENSION PROJECT RAMONA, SAN DIEGO COUNTY

APRIL 2, 2009

The County of San Diego (County) is the lead agency in the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Dye Road Extension Project as specified by section 15170 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

This notice is issued pursuant to Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines. It is intended to inform those persons and organizations that may be concerned with the environmental effects of the project. Those public agencies with specific statutory responsibilities are requested to indicate their specific role in the project approval process. The Initial Study for this project can be reviewed at the Department of Public Works (DPW), Environmental Services, 5469 Kearny Villa Road, Suite 305, San Diego, CA 92123, at the Ramona Public Library at 1406 Montecito Road, Ramona, CA 92065, and on-line at <http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/dpw/environment/envrvsvcs.html>.

Because of the time limits mandated by State law, responses should be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than **May 4, 2009**. Please send your response to:

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San Diego, CA 92123
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This notice also serves as notice of a public scoping and community outreach meeting for the project. **The meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at the Ramona Community Center, 434 Aqua Lane (at the end of 5th Street) Ramona, California 92065.** All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

The environmental document will be a project-level EIR as defined in Section 15161 of the CEQA Guidelines. The EIR is intended to allow the County to examine the overall effects of the proposed Dye Road Extension Project and to take steps to avoid environmental impacts.

PROJECT LOCATION

The project site is located in the Community of Ramona approximately 27 miles northeast of downtown San Diego and about 25 miles east of the Pacific Ocean (Figure 1). The proposed project is located between the eastern terminus of Dye Road and the intersection of Warnock Drive and San Vicente Road in the community of Ramona, in an unincorporated portion of San Diego County. (Thomas Bro. Page 1172, Grid F3/G3).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The County of San Diego Department of Public Works proposes the extension of Dye Road from its current eastern terminus at Ramona Street to the northeast toward Warnock Drive. The new road will connect to and overtake Warnock Drive, terminating at the current intersection of Warnock Drive and San Vicente Road (Figure 2). It will be classified as a Community Collector with Intermittent Turn Lane (2.1C) per the proposed Circulation Element of the San Diego County General Plan (GP 2020).

Dye Road has been identified as an important connecting route between State Route 67 (SR 67) and San Vicente Road. Currently, traffic traveling east on Dye Road must make a sharp left turn onto northbound Ramona Street and then a sharp right turn onto eastbound Warnock Drive to reach San Vicente Road. The purpose of the proposed project is to increase the capacity of Dye Road to accommodate existing and projected traffic volumes at an acceptable level of service (LOS), to improve traffic flow through the southern portion of the community of Ramona, to bring the road up to current County of San Diego road standards, and to meet the requirements identified in the proposed Circulation Element of the General Plan 2020.

The 1.3-mile long extension of Dye Road would be comprised of 86-feet of road right-of-way that includes: two 13-foot travel lanes; two 5-foot bike lanes; two 8-foot parking lanes; a 10-foot parkway on the north side of the road; and a 14-foot intermittent left turn lane at the intersections. Warnock Drive would be converted into a cul-de-sac approximately 1,500 feet east of the intersection with Ramona Street and a new connection to Dye Road would be constructed 1,000 feet east of Ramona Street. A new connection to Dye Road would also be constructed for Ramona Street approximately 1,200 feet north of the existing intersection of these two roads. The newly constructed portions of Ramona Street and Warnock

Drive would be comprised of 60-feet of road right-of-way that includes: two 13-foot travel lanes; two 5-foot bike lanes; and two 12-foot parkways. Some existing portions of Ramona Street and Warnock Drive would be left in place to provide access to private properties. A new private access road would be constructed south of the existing eastern terminus of Dye Road to provide access to properties located at the existing intersection of Dye Road and Ramona Street. Imported fill material would be placed beneath the new road in order to allow for proper drainage of water from the road during rain events, and to provide adequate clearance for proposed culverts.

In addition, curbs, gutters, and eight (8) culvert systems are proposed to accommodate flows beneath the new road at the natural grade of the existing drainage corridors. Proposed inlets and storm drain lines would discharge into Low Impact Design (LID) bio-filtration swales, which will passively reduce the potential impacts of stormwater runoff before entering the existing drainage corridors. A ten-foot pathway would be constructed along the south side of Dye Road as required by the Trails and Pathways Plan for Ramona in the County Community Trails Master Plan. Existing overhead power lines may require relocation as part of the proposed project. A 20-inch water transmission main and 10-inch water main that currently exists within the right-of-way of Dye Road, Ramona Street, and Warnock Drive would be left in place, however, minor relocations of blow-off and/or air vacuum devices and valve stem adjustments would be necessary as part of the proposed project.

New slope, drainage, roadway, and temporary construction easements would be required. A temporary road closure would be required on Ramona Street to accommodate construction of the Dye Road extension where it would cross an existing portion of Ramona Street, and a detour would be in place to accommodate traffic flow through the area. Travel lanes would remain open in each direction on all roads through the project area during all other phases of project construction.

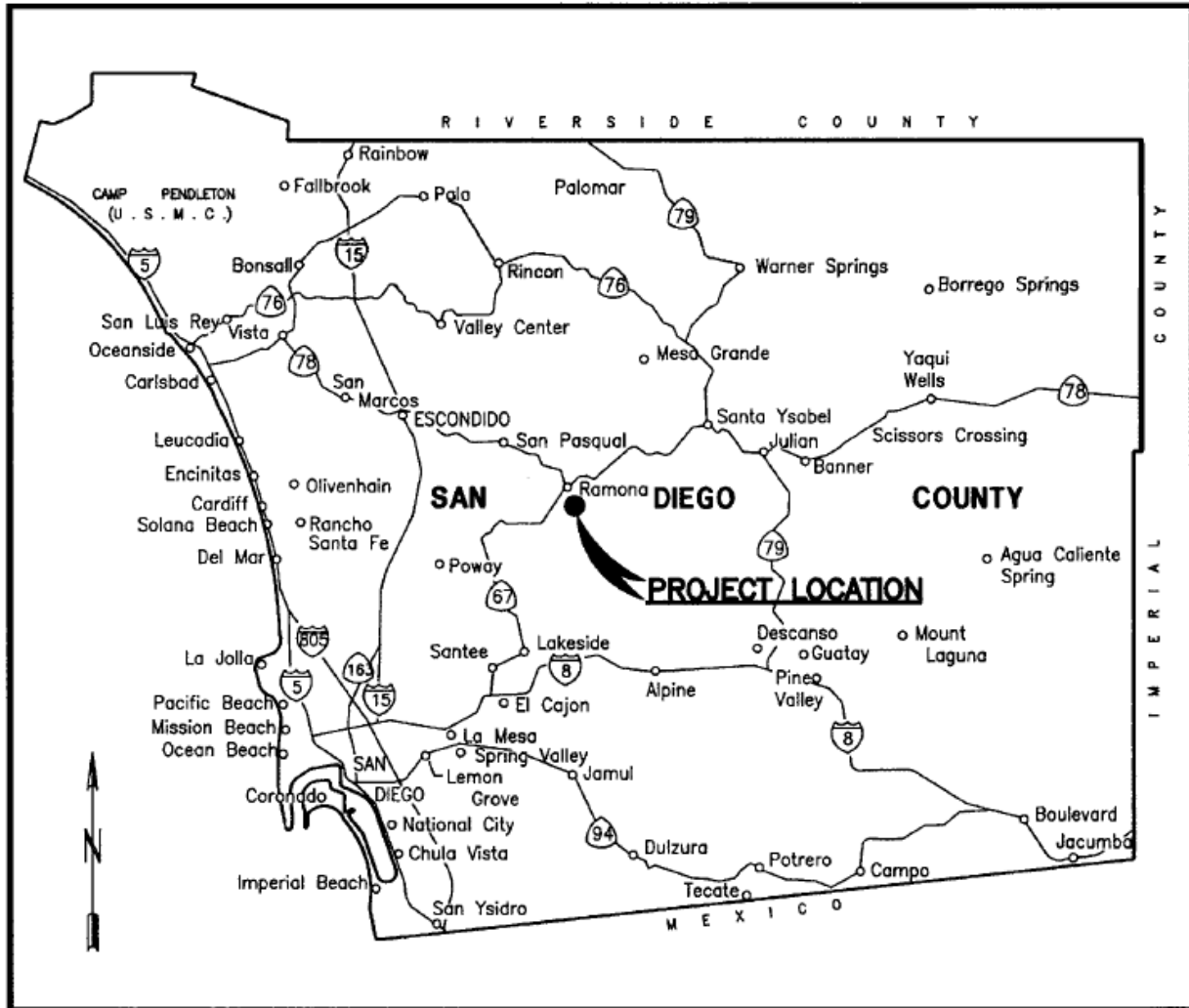
POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

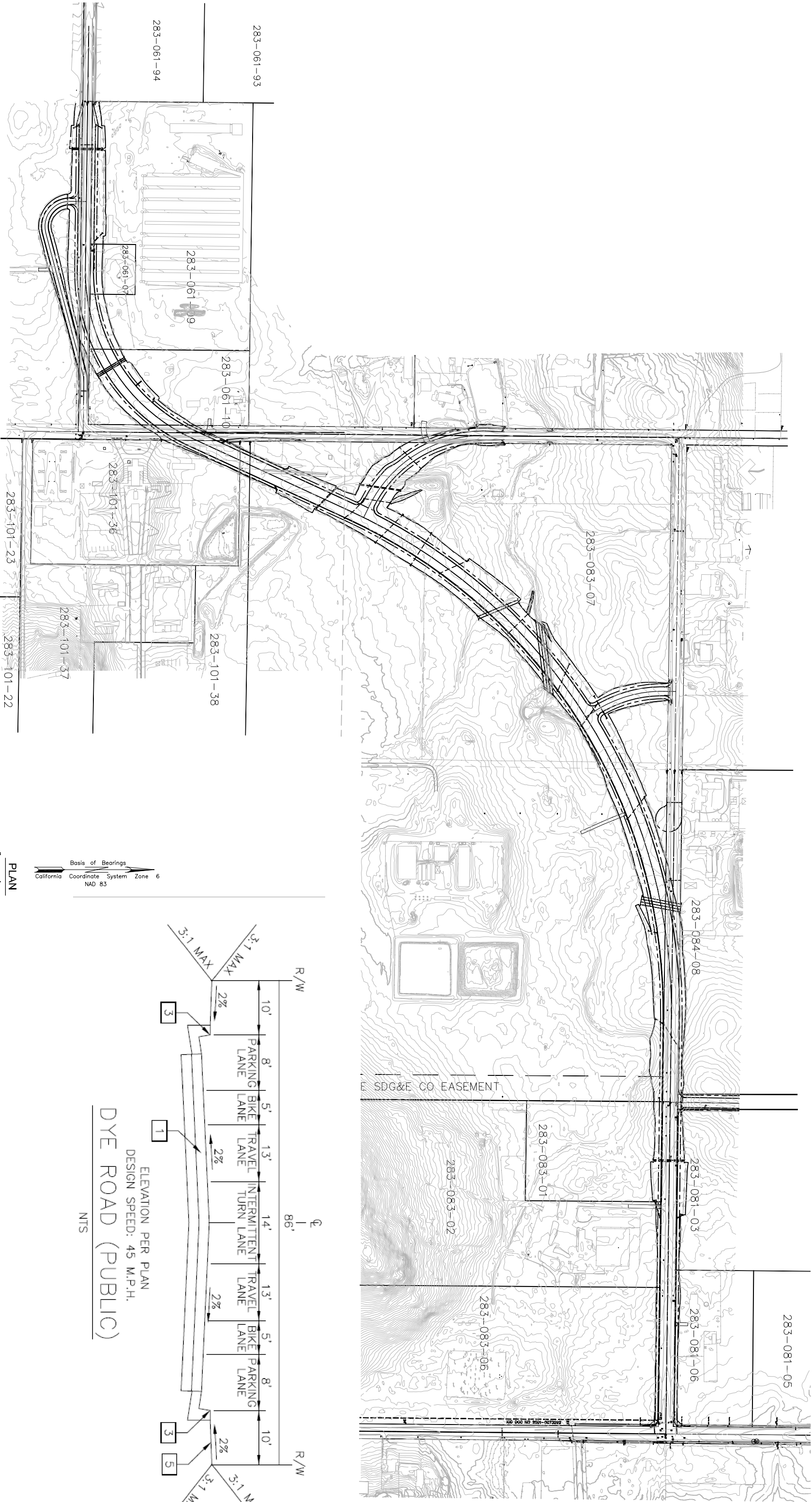
An analysis of the environmental impacts is currently being conducted. There are potentially significant environmental effects that may occur to Aesthetics, Agricultural Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Transportation/Traffic, and Utilities and Service Systems as a result of implementation of the project. These issues, along with an analysis of project alternatives, cumulative effects, and potential for growth inducement, will be analyzed and discussed in the EIR for the Project.

**LIST OF AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS TO RECEIVE
THIS NOTICE OF PREPARATION**

All Property Owners within 300 feet of the Project
California Department of Fish and Game
California Department of Transportation, District #11
California Office of Historic Preservation
California Office of Planning and Research – State Clearinghouse
California Regional Water Quality Control Board – San Diego Region
County of San Diego, Air Pollution Control District
County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use
County of San Diego, Sheriff's Department – Ramona Substation
County of San Diego, Supervisor Dianne Jacob
Ramona Community Planning Group
Ramona Public Library
Ramona Unified School District
Native American Heritage Commission
San Diego County Archaeological Society, Inc.
San Diego Farm Bureau
San Diego Public Library
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Figure 1: Vicinity Map





Basis of Bearings
California Coordinate System Zone 6
NAD 83

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1" = 200' HORIZ.

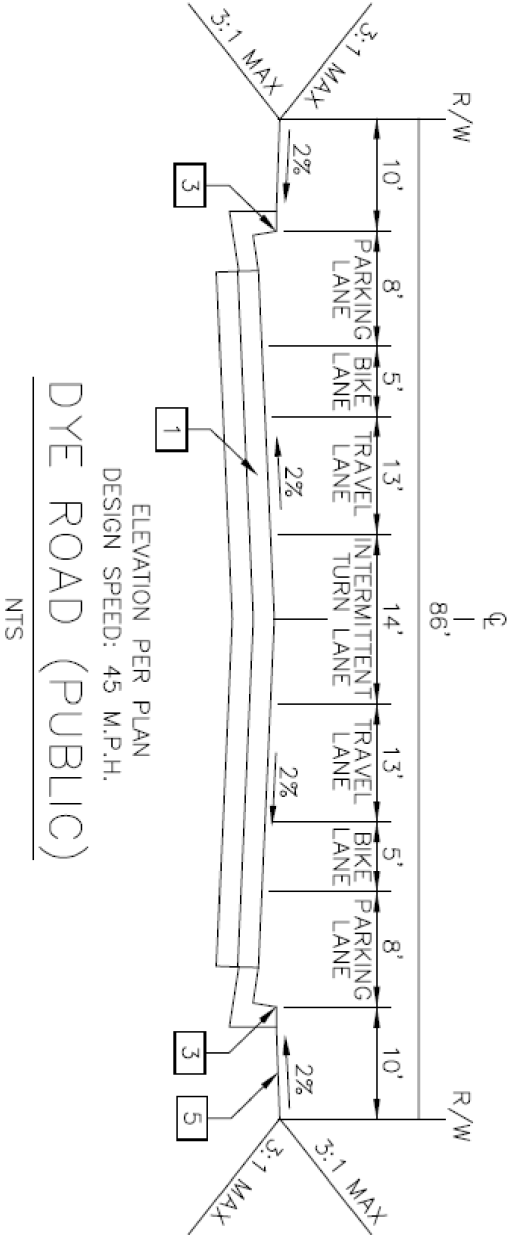


Figure 2